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## Letter dated 15 January 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Government of Ukraine on the twentieth anniversary of the decision by Ukraine to become a non-nuclear State (see annex).

The document is presented to commemorate the Trilateral Statement, signed by the Presidents of Ukraine, the United States of America and the Russian Federation in Moscow 20 years ago, on 14 January 1994, which envisaged the practical implementation of Ukraine's decision to become a nuclear-free State.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 99.

(*Signed*) Yuriy **Sergeyev**

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## Annex to the letter dated 15 January 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

## Statement of the Government of Ukraine on the twentieth anniversary of the decision by Ukraine to become a non-nuclear State

Twenty years ago, on 14 January 1994 in Moscow, the Presidents of Ukraine, the United States of America and the Russian Federation signed the Trilateral Statement, which envisaged the practical implementation of Ukraine's decision to become a nuclear-free State.

The United States of America and the Russian Federation, on their own behalf and on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, pledged to provide Ukraine with security assurances in connection with the entry into force of the Treaty on Offensive Strategic Arms and Ukraine's joining the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

The Trilateral Statement also envisaged actions to bring all nuclear activity in Ukraine under the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency. In addition, the document addressed the economic aspect of the denuclearization by noting the commitment by the United States to provide Ukraine with significant financial compensation.

Thus, the Trilateral Statement of 1994 provided a strong basis for the modern international security system, leading to enhanced nuclear security. At that moment, a very powerful incentive was given to the global disarmament process.

Today, Ukraine remains a non-nuclear State, having abandoned its supplies of highly enriched uranium two years ago.

In the framework of all international forums, primarily the nuclear security summits, our State has consistently upheld its position on the achievement of an important humanitarian aim — the final destruction of all supplies of nuclear weapons in the world.

We urge those States which possess those types of weapons of mass destruction to continue an active process of nuclear disarmament following the historical and unprecedented example of Ukraine.

Kiev, 14 January 2014